12 November 1950

SUBJECT: Intelligence and Related Covert Activities.

TO : Commander-in-Chief
Far East Command
APO 500

1. References:

a. Top Secret letter Subj: "Intelligence and Related Covert Activities, FEC".

b. Extracts from Air Force Regulation 200-5 dated 23 April 46 and FM 30-5 dated 1 February 1946 (inclosure #1).

2. I feel that the Far East Air Forces have, in the past, operated within the spirit of reference letter. All covert or clandestine activities in Korea were of necessity coordinated through the 8th Army and field representatives of the JSOB/G-2, as neither the Deputy for Intelligence nor Office of Special Investigations of this Headquarters had permanent membership on this Board.

3. Attention is invited to the directive in Paragraph 5. b. of subject letter which states: "The disposition of intelligence material, documents, records or reports, to areas outside the Far East Command by any military or civilian agency will be coordinated by and cleared with the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2, and copies filed therewith". G-2, GHQ receives all "Intelligence material, documents, records and reports" direct from my headquarters and through Army channels from the Air Force in the field. In addition, I have a responsibility to the Chief of Staff of the Air Force to keep him informed of the operations, results, and intelligence concerning USAF aircraft in combat. A strict reading of referenced directive would rule out the sending of even a daily operational report to him without prior clearance by G-2, GHQ.

4. I am at present sending Periodic Intelligence Summaries, Final Mission Summaries, Strike Reports, Flash Reports, OSI Periodic Subversive Reports, Air Force Form 112's, Weekly Intelligence Roundup, Final Mission Summary and an occasional "Redline" from me to Vandenberg on special items of intelligence interest.

5. It is my opinion that Paragraph 5. b. of referenced directive was not intended to stop me from sending those reports listed in paragraph 4 above. Therefore, unless advised to the contrary, I will continue those reports.

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GENERAL HEADQUARTERS, FAR EAST COMMAND, APO 500, 14 November 1950.

TO: Commanding General, Far East Air Forces, APO 925.

Reference 1.a. was not intended to apply to the reports listed in paragraph 4, basic. The distribution procedure followed with regard to such reports meets the full requirement of this Headquarters.

BY COMMAND OF GENERAL MacARTHUR:

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